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In re application of: Bryan K. Avery
For: **METER STAND**
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Serial Number to be assigned.

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The undersigned, assignee of the entire interest in and to an application of Bryan K. Avery for U.S. Letters Patent for **METER STAND**, by an assignment document being recorded contemporaneously herewith, hereby appoints the firm of Withrow & Terranova, P.L.L.C., comprising Benjamin S. Withrow, Reg. No. 40,876, Steven N. Terranova, Reg. No. 43,185, and Taylor M. Davenport, Reg. No. 42,466, as my attorneys and/or agents with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute this application, to make alterations and amendments therein, to receive the patent, and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

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As the below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, mailing address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original and first inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

METER STAND

(Title of the Invention)

the specification of which

is attached hereto

OR

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